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Love to Waterbury

Somewhere in France

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Dear Mother & Folks

Well yesterday was Christmas for me. The mail man came up & gave me the whole mail bag. I received 7 packages & 12 letters. Boy what a time we had unwrapping them. Three of us unwrapping the candy & boy we sure were busy. I received a swell shaving set, a fine pair of gloves & a mean fine, a pen & pencil set, a writing pad from the girls handerchiefs, soap, tooth paste & many other small articles. Who ever did up that candy really must of been busy. That candy which the girls sent is great & now have five boxes in my dubbal bag with nothing in it but candy & to top it off I'm still getting letters from the girls telling me to be sure and make a request. Guess I won't go hungry for some time.

Hope everyone is fine back

home & am feeling fine. Sorry to hear that John is now in 1-A. Hope it will be over before he has to come across. Received a letter from Chubby & he is over here some where. Would love to write to him. Glad that F.H.S. is having a good year. hope they keep up the good work.

Received two letters from Babe & one from Lois, please thank them & Mabel & Chet also for having them write to me so often & also thank the for what Santa left me. Time to go to work, soon & belong here then we'll play ball & would like to be there for the opener, maybe & make the world Series then. Thanks for all the swell presents.

Love to All

"Dick"